STARVING RUSSIAN PARENTS ABANDON STRICKEN CHILDREN

Thousands Turned Into the Streets That Soviet May Find Food for Them.

Hospitals Crowded. but Without Drugs, Food or Beds.

TYPHUS IS SPREADING

Peasants Plant Seed Corn for Harvest for Those Who

By SIR PRILIP GIBBS.

Kazan, Russia via Moscow, Dec. 1.— nce I wrote the beginning of my count of the great hunger in Russia the snows have been falling steadily and for thousands of versts there is one white wilderness broken only by the black woods and little white capped igures trudging down lonely tracks.

The boat in which I went down the olga was the last before the river highways were closed. The starving people in the famine districts are blockaded by winter, whose approach they saw with terror, because it barred the way of escape.

Relief can only come to them new by sledge, and in one district the last horses are dying for lack of fodder, so there will not be many soon to draw

some peasants through an interpreter whether they had any reserves of

said: "I have twenty pounds of potatoes left, but must give five to my wife and child. Last week my se fell dead. There is no hope for

He stood tall and square, with his g peasant hand on the shoulder of a from the big eyes in her little te face. She was the last child to her parents out of a family of six because five went away one day with those trainloads of children on the tracks toward Siberia. To what fate, God alone knows, though terrible rumors come back about the death

father and mother wept when mother showed me rotting cabbage seaves and spoke the Russian word for bread. Out of that refuse she would something like bread.

make something like bread.

In the yard of one cottage was a little black cow, and the wife of its owner told us she had to provide three pounds of butter as a Government tax. She had scraped up two pounds but the next week the little cow would be killed because they could not

know is true, that the Soviet Government abandoned requisitions which depleted the peasants' reserves last year and ordered the local governments to remit all taxations in the families manage, act and in some cases provide the plays for Paris theatres is the subject of much comment to remit all taxations in the families manage, act and in some cases provide the plays for Paris theatres is the subject of much comment in theatrical circles.

In another hospital there were more dreadful conditions. Owing to a lack of fuel the patients were crowded together in unventilated rooms; the stench into which I entered was worse than on a battle field of unburied dead.

Central Executive remain of paper

corn sent down by the central GovHer face was red and bloated as
ernment was sown by peasants who she lay on bare boards with hundreds
were hungry at sight of it, but were of children ill like herself, or suspected were hungry at sight or it, but were of children ill like horself, or suspected of having typhus. There was not a harvest for those who live to see it. bed among them. They just lay on it was not nearly enough for pext year's harvest, and many fields re-rags in which they were abandoned by

ing a cup of cocos, while some cases of this home is a man of order and of food from the American relief administration were being unloaded.

Presently he began to talk to me through an interpreter. There was a look of eager wistfulness in his eyes new arrivals and lack of clothes for

POETESS ASSERTS BRITAIN WINKS AT HAREM ORGIES

Mme. Vatnaresco, Quoting Shocking Reports by French Officers, Wants All Women to Go to Rescue of Their Turkish Sisters.

mitted to keep a collection of wo

rags dumped on the bare boards. Most of them bore the brand of hunger in

their sunken faces and wasted little bodies, though now in this home they

are just getting enough to eat, as I found out by a visit to the kitchens, where the Government ration is sup-

from hunger, now that help has come

Outside in the streets of Kazan there

produce of the peasants, who are sell-

or more and Soviet officers and clerks

There are hundreds of thousands of them in Russia to-day, and the misery of the peasant people who love

their little ones may be reckoned a little by that frightful desertion. It

is better to turn them out in the streets, where the Soviet officials find

them and take them, than to keep them in the cottages where there is no food and not much hope so far as

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FAMILIES GIVE WHOLE SHOW.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The number of cases in

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All the harem secrets of the sultans All the harem secrets of the sultans

ad of minor officials in Constanti-ople are now to be bared. Reports mind after difficult diplomatic work. TAXES TAKE SUPPLIES

Thought back from the Turkish capital brought brought back from the United numerous details obtained from from the brought brou

Mme. Vatnaresco, one of France's greatest modern poets, has just finished a series of lectures here in which she took up the degrading effects of the harem habit, declaring that women all over the world must go immediately to the rescue of their Turkish debate in the French Chamber.

when he begged me to go up to Spassk.
"The people are feeding on grass,"
he told me. "It is plucked from the narshes and is called libida. It is old for 70,000 roubles a pound, but

is not very good to eat."
"Is there no other food?" I asked. "Is not very good to eat."

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He said: "There is blue enalk from the hill at Kittjarsk, which ties one's bowels into knots."

"Have they no potatoes?"

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"I asked.

passed not to touch the walls, the doors, the rags, the crowded children. In each large room the children squatted on the floor like little monkeys hunting vermin, scratched

"Have they no potatoes?" He laughed and shrugged his shoul-

"On barges there are 18,000 poods of potatoes for the whole district. But they are rotting. We have no means to transport food, for there are few

He told me the Soviet officials had been receiving twenty-eight pounds of acorn flour each month, which is just enough for life.

Nine hundred children who had vere found lying in the roads and

At Spassk the people received 132,000 poods of seed corn for planting and had sown 120,000 for next year's harvest. They had taken 12,000 poods to feed the hungry who are now hungry

Tragedy of Childhood.

whether they had any reserves of you wish to see sadness. There is much typhus there, and no medicine. The people are dying in their homes. I see no hope for them."

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I could not go to Spassk, for the

It is only by roaming about as I have done, getting away to the villages, that one begins to know the lages, that one begins to know the underlying truth of all this life, which is a general hunger and an amount of human tragedy beyond all reckoning. Two little figures I saw yesterday toff, Samara, Askran, in a wide belt where the great drought killed all upstanding crops or the seed itself, there I was a boy and a girl, perhaps 6 and where the great drought killed all up-standing crops or the seed itself, there It was a boy and a girl, perhaps 6 and is not much difference, I imagine, in the sum of human suffering.

Some are a little worse than others; hand-at best there is hunger that is a little could

Disease feeds on ill nourished bodies and graveyards grow fat.

I went into a hospital at Kazan with an American officer—Col. Haskell and woman at the end of life's tether. agreement. He is a man who wastes "Abandoned children no time in words but gets sharply to by my side. I nodded. because they will have no food the truth and acts on the old law that for the girl that remains. The he gives twice who gives quickly.

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He questioned the doctor at the hospital about the stock of medicine as we stood in the dispensary of what once was a fine, well equipped hospital.

"Have you any drugs?"
"Very few."
"Any quintne?"
"No."

"Any aspirin?" "Any castor oil?"

That these people should be taxed out of their starvation seemed to me inhuman cruelty, and I cannot yet The reserves had been long exhausted.

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ments to remit all taxations in the familie areas.

One may explain it only by the knowledge that orders issued by the Central Executive remain of paper value only for so long a time after their issue, and often with no result whatever.

Be that as it may, I am certain neither the central Government at Moscow nor the local government of the Federal States nor the peasants along the Volga regions have any reserve sufficient for their needs to live during the winter months.

What I have told about individual peasants, little families with bare cupboards, nothers, walling over starving babies—stories could be multiplied until I sickened my readers by miserable repetition—is true of great territories in Russia, immense populations in all Russia I have seen, from Moscow to the Tartar Republic, though Moscow itself is best supplied.

National Reserves Exhausted.

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National reserves are exhausted until next harvest time.

In the great Tartar State, which has Kazan as its capital, from which I am now returning to Moscow, there were 3,400,000 people, of whom 1,300,000 were children. Of those, 200,000 children had been supplied bare rations by Soviet committees, aided by the American relief.

For adult folk, especially the sick, the central Government supplied 50,000 rations. But on November 1 these rations ceased; the central Governments were unable to supply more.

In one canteen there is food to last soarcely one month. After that there will be no food. Most of the seed corn sent down by the central Government was sown by peasants who are more than a proposed to the seed corn sent down by the central Government was sown by peasants who are more than a proposed to the seed corn sent down by the central Government was sown by peasants who are more than a proposed to the seed corn sent down by the central Government was sown by peasants who are more than a proposed to the seed corn sent down by the central Government was sown by peasants who are more than a proposed to the seed corn sent down by the central Government was sown by peasants who are more to be at some of the patients food to keep ourselves alive."

They were like animals, the doctor said afterward as he stood with them in the dark basement, and saw their hands outstretched to him, their fingers crooked, as though to grasp the bread which they clambed to him, their fingers crooked, as though to grasp the bread which they can be the sent of the bread which they can be a be seen and feel like vomiting. But these young women stay in these peas houses, hungry, cold and comfortless, until they, too, or some of the patients of the seed corn sent down by the peasants who are the patients of the

main unsown.

A man came on board our boat at I have already described one of the landing stage which goes up to the city called Spassk, famous in Russian history.

He was a refugee from this town, a good looking, intelligent, pleasant managed fellow. red fellow.

He sat in the saloon with me, drinkdred—dally. and though the director

GERMAN CHILDREN

Considerably Better Since War Ended.

Feed Women and Offspring Is Accepted.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1921, by THE NEW YORK HERALD tious practices continue.

She will make a full report to the New York Berald Bureau. } Berlin, Dec. 3.

Inquiries made among boys and girls lice, by which typhus is carried.

Nothing this man can do with his coving to the after effects of the war. Children of working men are stronger than those of the middle class, because the parents of the former are earning more and feed them better. The number of girl pupils has decreased, probably because many families now have to keep the girls at home to do housework.

The trip between the two cities in ninety hours, according to an announcement by Dr. Hugo Eckner, manager of the Zeppelin works in Friedrichshafen, who has just returned to that city after a tour of South America, during which he service. assistants can destroy the plague of

The lessons is history and geography now embrace legislation and political economy as a connection between important events. This is being done in an effort to expand the child's mental horizon. School children are now particularly interested in visits to industrial plants and display a keen interest in technical science and industrial activity, whereas the museums are less popular. The teachers declare a marked improvement is noticeable in the behavior of children in and out of school, and that their morals likewise have improved considerably. They attribute this chiefly to the fact that the fathers are not away in ghiting now, and thus a firmer home control of children is possible.

The Quakers have again offered to donate \$3,000,000 for feeding women and children on the condition that the German Cabinet has compiled with this request. At the suggestion of the Central Relief Committee the German Red Cross has now begun to furnish clothes parcels, which are given out and got up along the same lines as the food parcels.

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CORRI, NOTED REFEREE, BANKRUPTED BY FIGHT

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New York Herald Bureau. London, Dec. 3. Eugene Corri, famous referee, told the bankruptcy court that Georges Carpentler and his manager, Descamps, were not the only Europeans who came away from the fight with Dempsey sadder and wiser men.

riser men. He explained his finances in a state ment showing liabilities of \$8,000 and assets of \$1,600 in book debts. He said that a contributing factor was his visit to America in July, when he borrowed \$500 for the trip and returned \$1,000 hand—their hands like bird claws. I could hardly see their faces under

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Inquiries made among boys and girls of the secondary schools in Berlin by the Ministry of Education show improvement in the physique of younger children, while in older children the Improvement in health is not so marked.

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